AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that International Airports Authority of India is reported to have ignored major recommendations made by Bombay Fire Brigade while constructing Sahar International Air Terminal at Bombay; and

(b) if so, what action has been initiated in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI SHIVRAJ PATIL): (a) and (b) Module I and II of the New International Terminal at Bombay Airport are designed and constructed in accordance with the NBO codes and layouts designed in terms of I.S.T.A.C. provisions which take care of fire prevention and safety measures. Major recommendations of Bombay Fire Brigade compatible with smooth passenger and aircraft operations have already been implemented while constructing these modules.

Raising of funds from public by Air India and Indian Airlines

924. SHRI KAMAL MORARKA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration for permitting Air India and Indian Airlines to raise funds from public through issues of bonds; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI SHIVRAJ PATIL): (a) At present no, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Abolition of visa system for Indians holding British passports

925. SHRI VITHALBHAI M. PATEL: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Indian Overseas Congress of United Kingdom has requested the Government of India to abolish visa system for Indians holding British passport; and

(b) if so, what is Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI K. NATWAR SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) It is Government's considered view that security considerations do not permit the abolition of the visa regime for British passport holders of Indian origin.

Elimination of Drug abuse

926. SHRI SHATI TYAGI: Will be Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state to answer to Unstarred Question 142 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 22nd February, 1989 and state what steps have been taken by Government to implement the decision taken at the Fourth SAARC Summit held in Islamabad from the 29th to 31st December, 1988 to eliminate drug abuse and drug trafficking?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI K. NATWAR SINGH): An Action Plan is in connection with the designation of 1989 as the SAARC Year for Combating Drug Abuse and Drug Trafficking at the Fourth SAARC Summit is to be drawn up by the SAARC Technical Committee on the Preventionof Drug Trafficking and Drug Abuse which is scheduled to meet in (Islamabad from 5 to 7 April, 1989.